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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0950

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SY

SUBJECT: DISSIDENT SOLDIERS ARRESTED IN RIF'AT AL-ASAD'S
DEFENSE COMPANIES

1. SYRIAN JOURNALIST REPORTED TO US TEN DAYS AGO THAT
"SIXTEEN OFFICERS" BELONGING TO RIF'AT AL-ASAD'S DEFENSE
COMPANIES HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR REASONS HE UNABLE TO
VERIFY. REGULAR SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO SENIOR OFFICER OF
DEFENSE COMPANIES REPORTED FOLLOWING DETAILS.

2. OFFICER TOLD HIM THAT INCIDENT BEING "TIGHTLY HELD"
WITHIN DC. OFFICER STATED THAT CAP. FROM HAMA HAD BEEN
ARRESTED AFTER HE CAUGHT ORDERING SUBORDINATES TO UNDERTAKE
ACTION "AGAINST ASAD REGIME." SOURCE HAD PERSONALLY MET
THIS PARTICULAR CAPT. IN PAST, AND RECALLED THAT IN 1974
CAPT. HAD EVEN VISITED US EMBASSY (SOURCE WAS UNCERTAIN
WHY ALLEGED VISIT TOOK PLACE). HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE
FURTHER DETAILS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST REPORT WE RECALL OF ANTI-REGIME
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ACTIVITY WITHIN REPUTEDLY SUPER-LOYAL TROOPS OF PRESIDENT'S
BROTHER (THREATS BY MANY DC OFFICERS TO RESIGN REPORTED
EARLIER CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS DISSIDENT ACTIVITY). IT
IS UNCLEAR WHETHER ALL OF THOSE DETAINED WERE OFFICERS,
DESPITE JOURNALIST'S ASSERTION. GROUP INVOLVED APPEARS
TO BE LIMITED IN SIZE.
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